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MATSUI ANNOUNCES \$47 MILLION FOR SACRAMENTO PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, DC—Today Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-CA) announced the results of the omnibus appropriations bill, H. J. Res. 2, which passed the House by a vote of 338-83. The Senate subsequently passed the bill, which is now on its way to the President for his signature. The omnibus spending bill included FY 2003 funding for the non-defense portion of the federal government. Sacramento flood control, transportation, education, and environmental projects were included in the bill.

"I'm pleased to announce \$47 million in federal funds for Sacramento priorities," said Rep. Matsui. "We have the infrastructure needs of a vibrant and growing city. The entire Sacramento region will benefit from these vital flood control, transportation, education, and public safety projects. These projects and programs will help ease traffic congestion, provide health care, and improve the quality of life for all Sacramento residents."

Highlights of the omnibus appropriations bill are as follows:

- **Flood Control Projects: \$40 million total**
 - **American River Common Elements Project: \$22.28 million.** These funds will be used to complete 24 miles of levee improvements along the American River with the goal of bringing 100-year FEMA certification to the area, thereby reducing flood insurance costs for those living in the floodplain.
 - **South Sacramento Streams: \$2 million.** These funds will continue work on improving the levee system in southern Sacramento, providing protection for more than 100,000 people and 41,000 structures that are currently at risk of flooding from four creeks in the Meadowview and Pocket areas.
 - **Folsom Modifications: \$4.9 million.** The continuing work on Folsom Dam outlets will provide greater efficiency in managing flood storage in the Folsom Reservoir.
 - **American River Plan: \$1.275 million.** These funds provide continued engineering and design funds for a project to raise the height of Folsom Dam by 7 feet. The Folsom mini-raise has received its Chief's Report from the Army Corps of Engineers and has tremendous local, state, and federal support. When complete, the mini-raise will allow Sacramento's flood control system to handle a storm 50 percent larger than any storm ever recorded in the watershed

- The bill also provided \$3.2 million for flood control improvements on Magpie Creek and \$2.6 million to correct harmful erosion along the banks of the Sacramento River that threatens the integrity of existing levees.
- **Transportation and Infrastructure Projects: \$5 million total**
 - **Intelligent Transportation Program (ITS): \$1 million.** ITS will provide the region with equipment to monitor key traffic corridors and relieve traffic congestion on Watt Avenue, Arden Way and Sunrise/Greenback.
 - **Jobs Access Reverse Commute Program: \$750,000.** Provides transit options to low employment areas and facilitates access to jobs, education, and area businesses.
 - **New Regional Transit Bus Facility (RT): \$1.25 million.** These funds will allow RT to expand their current bus fleet and keep pace with increasing service demands. The new facility will reposition a portion of its fleet in closer proximity to high service areas.
 - **High Speed Rail: \$1.25 million.** Funds will build a 700-mile long high-speed train system in California. Once complete, an intrastate trip between San Francisco and Los Angeles will take a mere 2.5 hours.
 - **Tower Bridge Pedestrian Improvement Project: \$900,000.** This project will widen existing walkways on the Tower Bridge from 4 to 10 feet, bringing the bridge into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and allow it to meet increasing pedestrian demand.
- **Labor-HHS Projects: \$1.1 million total**
 - **SacAdvantage: \$700,000.** This program creates simple and affordable health insurance options for the uninsured. In Sacramento County alone, approximately 200,000 residents are uninsured, 80,000 of whom are low-wage earners.
 - **Franklin Villa Education and Social Services Initiative: \$400,000.** Provides educational programming funds to students in the low-income Franklin Villa community who attend Parkway Elementary School, one of the lowest performing schools in California.
- **VA-HUD Projects: \$1.35 million total**
 - **Franklin Villa Learning Center: \$180,000.** As part of the revitalization effort at Franking Villa, these funds will construct a learning center that will focus on increasing the academic achievement of students and their families. Proposed activities include computer training, reading and math tutoring, after-school programs, life-skills courses, GED courses, health education, and job counseling.
 - **Sacramento Combined Sewer Systems Improvement and Rehabilitation Project: \$900,000.** Sacramento's sewers are more than 100 years old. This project expands and rehabilitates existing infrastructure as well as constructs a new pipeline to accommodate storm water and sanitary waste water.
 - **Sacramento River Toxic Pollutant Control Program and the Sacramento River Watershed Program: \$270,000.** This project monitors toxins in the Sacramento River and promotes public awareness to protect improve water quality for all Californians.

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